

**Docket No. H4124 PCT/US  
PCT/EP00/03659**

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the above amendments prior to examination of this application.

**Status of Claims**

Claim 1 will be pending after entry of the present amendment. Claims 2 to 11 are being canceled without prejudice.

**Amendment**

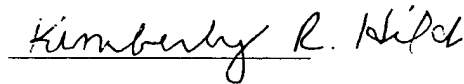
The specification is being amended to insert a cross-reference to related applications in accordance 37 CFR §1.78 and to claim priority to those applications listed therein.

No new matter is added by the new claims or amendments to the specification.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully request early and favorable notification of allowance of all pending claims. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in the required fee or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-1250 in connection with this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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